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### Field Crops

Opening of bolls has occurred on 90 percent of the cotton acreage, below last year's 98 percent, and behind the five-year average of 96 percent. Harvesting is 25 percent complete, ahead of last year at 24 percent, and ahead of the five-year average of 19 percent. Cotton conditions are fair to excellent. Alfalfa harvest remains active on over three-quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa conditions range mostly from poor to good. Range and pasture conditions vary from mostly very poor to fair, depending on location and elevation.

### Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Arizona growers shipped miscellaneous melons this week.

#### **Crop Condition**

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>- Percent -</i>				
Alfalfa	3	25	40	28	4
Cotton	3	4	18	60	15
Range and Pasture	50	20	18	9	3

#### **Crop Progress**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	<i>- Percent -</i>			
Cotton				
• Bolls Opening	90	85	98	96
• Harvesting	25	21	24	19

### Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending October 4, ranging from 8 degrees below normal at Parker to 7 degrees above normal at Prescott. The highest temperature of the week was 110 degrees at Yuma and the lowest reading of 16 degrees occurred at Grand Canyon. Precipitation

was reported at 6 of the 22 stations. The Douglas are received the most at .33 inches and Flagstaff received the least at 0.01 inches of precipitation. Yuma is the only reporting station with above normal precipitation to date.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
September 28, 2009 - October 4, 2009								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	72	-4	100	49	0.00	3.70	-3.82	49
Buckeye	77	-3	108	51	0.00	2.30	-3.16	42
Canyon De Chelly	59	-2	87	26	0.00	3.89	-3.22	55
Coolidge	73	-4	106	42	0.00	2.92	-2.43	55
Douglas	72	5	96	53	0.33	5.18	-5.69	48
Flagstaff	54	2	83	20	0.01	7.64	-9.44	45
Grand Canyon	53	5	84	16	0.00	7.73	-7.60	50
Kingman	70	0	98	40	0.00	4.26	-3.20	57
Marana	79	3	106	54	0.24	4.59	-3.52	57
Maricopa	77	-1	105	46	0.00	3.38	-1.85	65
Paloma	77	-2	105	49	0.00	1.58	-3.26	33
Parker	72	-8	99	43	0.00	1.03	-2.02	34
Payson	63	0	89	33	0.00	9.26	-7.23	56
Phoenix	84	5	107	62	0.00	2.80	-2.66	51
Prescott	66	7	91	36	0.00	5.94	-9.56	38
Roll	76	-5	106	46	0.00	0.82	-1.41	37
Safford	71	2	97	43	0.11	3.73	-3.59	51
St. Johns	62	2	89	27	0.00	3.09	-5.98	34
Tucson	80	4	102	57	0.05	5.47	-3.90	58
Willcox	70	5	99	44	0.06	9.42	-0.60	94
Winslow	65	3	92	30	0.00	2.33	-3.69	39
Yuma	84	3	110	63	0.00	2.40	0.17	108
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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